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A method, for a first communication device, of maintaining an up-to-date configuration description of a second communication device, includes receiving from the second device information including a configuration identifier uniquely identifying the configuration of the second device, checking whether the configuration description identified by the received configuration identifier is already stored on the storage medium, and if stored, then setting the configuration description corresponding to the received configuration identifier as the active configuration description of the second device. If the received configuration identifier is not stored then requesting and receiving the configuration description from the second device, storing it with the configuration identifier on the storage medium, and setting the configuration corresponding to the received configuration identifier as the active configuration description of the second device.